



Instructions: Situation Report

The Situation Report (Sit. Rep.) provides Senior Management with high level information on developing, ongoing or concluded incidents or events of interest.

The Sit. Rep. should be:

- Short: one to two pages, written factually and impartially;
- Concise: use every word as efficiently as possible;
- Clear: keep it simple and to the point and include only what matters to the reader;
- Reliable: provide accurate information; point out missing information or questions about the information; and
- Readable: use plain language and white space, subheadings, lists and other means to make reading easier.

The following describes the sections of a Sit. Rep.:

- **Title:** A few key words that describe the issue succinctly.
- **Purpose:** In one sentence, explain why the Sit. Rep. is being written. Information only; action (decision or final approval required); or briefing for upcoming meeting: specify date, time, location and with whom.
- **Issue:** In one sentence, identify the issues. Clarify misinformation generated by media or others; provide update on emerging issues; provide update on individual or a group posing a threat; and/or explain the impact of legal (or policy) changes for the RCMP.
- **Background:** In 3 or 4 bullets, provide enough background or contextual information to give an understanding of the issue. What is relevance of issue to RCMP; what are the implications; what is history of the issue; and what is being said about the issue and by whom?
- **Current Status:** Advise of the most salient and recent information available. Highlight the current status and/or progress to date in order that action can be determined. Status and evolution of emerging issue to date; status of investigation; and stage or phase new legislation or policy is at.
- **Strategic Considerations** (if applicable): Factors that could affect our ability to respond to the issue.
Indicate sensitive or political elements to be considered; potential impact of the issues on the RCMP, our Minister, and/or the Government of Canada; inter-agency or interdepartmental issues to consider or cooperation, and specify significant obstacles or challenges that may hinder the RCMP's progress or handling of the issue; outline the potential outcome or risks if no action is taken; and indicate political statements (if any) made about this issue.
- **Strategic Communications** (if applicable): State internal and/or external communications considerations.
Indicate national/media/public/political implications and if the DG, Public Affairs has been advised; impact on employees or operations and has a communications strategist been advised; has a communications plan been developed for both internal and external audiences; and attach existing media lines which may have been prepared.
- **Recommendations / Strategic Advice** (if applicable): Identify follow-up actions or advice.
State strategic advice warranted on the issue; outline options; state critical dates and/or events of which Senior Management should be made aware; indicate who else should be notified of this information; and state areas that require further follow-up or research.
- **In Consultation with:** Identify groups or individuals consulted in preparation of this Sit. Rep. Indicate "Nil" if consultation was not required.
- **Prepared by:** Name and rank of writer.
- **Signature - Submitted by Name**
 - NHQ: Director General
 - Div.: Supervisor, Manager, NCO i/c or Director
- **Signature - Recommended by Name**
 - NHQ: Assistant Commissioner
 - Div.: Director, Director General or Deputy Criminal Operations Officer
- **Signature - Approved by Name**
 - NHQ: Deputy Commissioner
 - Div.: Criminal Operations Officer or Commanding Officer
- **Signature - Reviewed by Name**
 - NHQ: Senior Deputy Commissioner
 - Div.: Not Applicable or Commanding Officer



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K Division 2022-01-30 COVID 19-Trucker Convoy Protests and Blockades summary

ISSUE:

- To provide a summary of the situation to date regarding the province-wide trucker convoy protests (moving vehicle rallies) and blockade being held on January 29 and 30, 2022 at various locations throughout the province of Alberta.

BACKGROUND:

- The Freedom Convoys were promoting awareness for the cross border vaccination health orders applicable to truck drivers transporting goods. These were held in conjunction with the convoys that travelled to Ottawa, ON.
- RCMP K DEOC was activated for this event, and will continue to coordinate information, resources and tasking through this central point as the protests continue to occur.
- There were a number of events that occurred throughout the province of Alberta on January 29, 2022. A number of groups containing large numbers of vehicles met at the Edmonton Legislature.
- The area of highest concern remains the blockade at the Coutts border crossing and surrounding area.

CURRENT STATUS:

- Convoys consisting of semi trucks and passenger vehicles formed in a number of locations across the province. In some towns and municipalities, these convoys travelled directly to Edmonton to meet up with the other groups at the Legislature, causing traffic disruptions along the major highways into Edmonton. In other locations (such as Fort McMurray and Grande Prairie), the convoys remained in their respective locations and caused local traffic disruptions.
- As of January 30, 2022, all protests within RCMP jurisdiction (with the exception of the Coutts blockade) appear to have finished.
- Highway 4 to and from the Canadian side of the border crossing at Coutts, Alberta remains completely blocked. The blockade (primarily the semi truck blocking the northbound lane with smaller truck reinforcements) is being controlled by splinter groups.
- The organizers of the Coutts protest are distancing themselves from the splinter groups.
- The Consultative Conflict Management Group (CCMG) continues trying to engage protest participants, however, the engagement from the organizers has diminished and the splinter groups have not been receptive to any options regarding movement of any part of the blockade. The splinter groups are refusing to engage in ongoing communications.
- A joint initiative between RCMP, CBSA, and the US Customs and Border Services has begun which involves escorting approximately 30 semi trucks that were stuck just north of the border (in the border clearance lot), to a secondary roadway and will allow the trucks to re-enter Highway 4 and head northbound once past the blockages.
- K DEOC is assisting with identifying and mobilizing additional resources to deal with the situation.
- RCMP will continue to monitor and respond to the situation as required.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- Social media accounts continue to be monitored, there was a shift from a primarily positive to a more negative sentiment regarding the police response, and it has now shifted back to a mixed sentiment.
- Social media posts have been put out from the Alberta RCMP Twitter and Facebook accounts for

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public safety, activity and comments on both feeds have increased dramatically.

- Ongoing need identified for consistent messaging among agencies.

CONDUCT / CIVIL RISK ASSESSMENT:

- N/A

Signatures		
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